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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1839.

Jan. 31, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

WILLIAM L. STONE, Esq., of New York, was elected Corresponding Member.

The Treasurer was appointed a committee to receive from the assignees of the American Stationers Company the dividends on the claim due to this Society.

Donations were communicated from the President of the Society, the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Dr. J. B. Whittridge, of South Carolina, Rev. Dr. Lamson, Rev. Mr. Lothrop, Rev. Mr. Young, and Dr. Jacob Porter.

Mr. Ticknor nominated for Corresponding Member, Joaquim José Da Costa de Macedo, Secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Lisbon.

The Librarian was requested to act on the communication made by George Folsom, Esq., in behalf of the New York Historical Society, in relation to an exchange of duplicates, and to report at the next meeting.

The Librarian was appointed a committee to procure from Mr. Wallcut the blank volume given by Governor Sullivan to the Society for the purpose of transcribing the records therein.*

* The large "folio blank volume" given by Judge Sullivan, at the Society's institution, for its records (see p. 5 of Vol. I.), was not used by the Recording Secretary, Mr. Wallcut, but the entries were begun and continued in a smaller and thinner book. The Secretary may have intended from the first, when he should have sufficient leisure, to transcribe his minutes into the larger volume, in a more elegant and artistic manner, for he was an official copyist, and evidently took pride and care in his work. But the book in which the entries were first made was continued as a record book to the end by Mr. Wallcut and his

Present — The President, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.*

successors, and subsequent volumes were procured as they were needed, and the volume given by Judge Sullivan was never used.

But Mr. Wallcut still, in after years, cherished the purpose of transcribing the records into this book. In a memorandum or note of his, unsigned, addressed to some officer of the Society, under date of "Boston, 16th August, 1825," he apologizes for keeping the book so long. "This blank volume," he says, "was given by the late Judge Sullivan for the records of the Massachusetts Historical Society. My only motive in keeping it so long was the hope . . . that, when the time should come that would combine health with steady employment, such as I have had for the last thirty years, and a competent income for support, I might make a fair copy of the records, up to the day of my ability to do it, from the Journal or Minute-Book, as the only service I felt capable of doing, and it would have given me pleasure in so doing," &c. But he finds that he is not now able to accomplish his purpose, as he was apparently quite broken in spirit by poverty and ill-health. Mr. Wallcut could hardly have supposed at this late period that his intended transcript should supersede the original records, made by his successors as well as himself. It would appear by his note, just cited, that the volume was then returned to the Society; but, by the above entry in the records, made fourteen years afterwards, it would seem that it was supposed to be yet in Mr. Wallcut's possession. How the work of copying could go on, with the blank folio in his possession, and the original records in the Society's archives, does not appear, unless by retranscription. Copies, and in some cases duplicate copies, if they are not original minutes, of his own records are found, in loose sheets, some among his own private papers, as well as with those of the Society.

The Sullivan book is now in the Recording Secretary's cabinet, and an inspection of it will show that the work of transcription was begun by Mr. Wallcut, who copied the records into it, in an elegant manner, as far as and including the seventh meeting, covering ten pages, being about one-half the period represented by his own official work as Recording Secretary.

The first three volumes of the Society's records, if the writer's recollection serves, had no stiff or permanent covers on them, and were in no condition for preservation. When the Rev. Chandler Robbins, D.D., held the office of Recording Secretary, he caused these three volumes, which were not of uniform size, to be bound together as one volume, in full Russia leather, in a suitable condition for preservation. — Eds.

* The following letter was written by Dr. Harris, the acting Corresponding Secretary, to Professor Rafn, on the 23d of this month:—

"BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, NORTH AMERICA,
Jan. 23, 1839.

"PROFESSOR RAFN.

"HON. SIR, — I have this day received a packet, addressed to the Massachusetts Historical Society, containing envelopes to Governor Everett, the Hon.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 25, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from O. W. B. Peabody, Esq., Rev. Dr. Gray, and Rev. Mr. Young.

Mr. SAVAGE informed the Society he had received the first dividend from the American Stationers Company on the Society's claim, — eleven dollars and forty cents.

Present — The President, Appleton, Codman, Felt, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

Abijah Bigelow, Rev. Dr. Bancroft, Dr. Jacob Porter, and John Farmer, Esq., a letter to George P. Marsh, Esq., and an open letter to the Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society, committing to his care the several communications. As I am continued in that office by the protracted absence of the Rev. Dr. Lowell, I shall immediately forward the parcels to their destination; promising that Dr. Farmer has deceased, has left no family, and that those kindred who come within the nearest range of affinity are in humble life. The parcel, therefore, designed for him I shall send to the New Hampshire Historical Society.

"I was not a little disappointed in not having received acknowledgment of my letter, dated Jan. 23, 1838 (just one year ago), in which I stated my attention to the commission assigned me of delivering the volumes of 'Antiquitates Americanæ' to subscribers; nor that of February 13th, notifying you of the accomplishment of that service, and of the payment of the proceeds, agreeably to your request, to the Messrs. Cunningham, merchants in this city; nor of those of May 9th and September 26th. It would be a satisfaction to know that the amount for the books and for the *cotisation* of the Hon. T. L. Winthrop and President Quincy have been duly received. I entreat you to excuse this particularity of reference. Acting in the stead of Dr. Lowell, I feel a double responsibility to him and to the Society.

"Accompanying this is the last volume of the Collections of our Society.

"In the sincerity of those good wishes with which it is usual to greet each other at the commencement of a new year, I have the honor to be, with sentiments of esteem and respect, Sir, your most obedient servant,

"THADDEUS MASON HARRIS,
Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts
Historical Society."

EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 26, 1839. At a meeting called this day (pursuant to order, the stated day happening on Fast Day), — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian stated that he had acted upon the matter of exchange with the New York Historical Society, pursuant to the vote of the January meeting, and had received from them sundry books, in return for thirteen volumes of our Collections, which have been sent to them.

He also communicated donations from M. Gräberg, Aaron Hobart, William Lincoln, James Savage, and J. Willard, Esqs.; also, from the Directors of the Mercantile Library in the city of New York.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to write a letter in behalf of the Society to John Warner Barber, Esq., of Connecticut, objecting and remonstrating against his taking the title of the Massachusetts Historical Collections in the work he is about publishing.*

* Dr. Harris wrote the following letter to Mr. Barber:—

“BOSTON, March 26, 1839.

“JOHN WARNER BARBER, Esq.

“SIR,—It was mentioned at a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, this day, that the newspapers had announced a forthcoming publication by you, to bear a title so nearly that of their ‘Historical Collections’ that it would occasion embarrassing interference in the call for and sale of their books and yours, with an uncertainty as to which was intended, leading to mistakes and disappointment; to prevent which they passed a vote, a copy of which accompanies this address to you; and trust that, in regard to their long-possessed right to the title of ‘Historical Collections’ for their series of publications, you will cause the title-page of your volume to bear a different inscription.

“In making this communication to you, I take the liberty of stating that I think, myself, that ‘Massachusetts Topographical Collections’ would be a more correct and appropriate head-title to your book; for topography, meaning an

It having been stated that Rev. Dr. Hawks, of New York, was about visiting Boston,

Voted, That Messrs. I. P. Davis, Young, and Bancroft be a committee to request Dr. Hawks to deliver in Boston the four historical lectures delivered by him in New York the past winter.

Voted, That this Society views with extreme satisfaction the increasing interest in the early history of the United States, particularly the measures recently taken in Georgia, and now proposed in New York, for completing, at the expense of those States, their colonial records from the English archives.

Also, *voted*, That the Recording Secretary cause the same to be published in the Boston "Daily Advertiser."

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and S. P. GARDNER were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the last year.

The nomination of M. de Macedo was postponed, a

account of places, must comprise historical memoirs, as well as statistical accounts, geographical descriptions, and local delineations.

"I make the suggestion, unprompted by the Society, as the honest proposal, and I hope it may be received as the accepted one, of your real friend and well-wisher,

THADDEUS M. HARRIS."

The compiler of this book had, in the preceding year, issued a volume, called, at the head of the title-page, "Connecticut Historical Collections," and so lettered also on the back of the book. He now proposed to issue a volume, entitled "Massachusetts Historical Collections." This was an exact copy of the label on the back of this Society's volumes. The first twenty-three volumes of the Collections, as originally issued in volumes, and bound in boards with blue covers and white backs, were labelled "Historical Collections." The next volume, the twenty-fourth, issued in 1834, was labelled "Massachusetts Historical Collections," and so have been all its successors. The title-page was different, and has been uniform from the beginning.

Mr. Barber, as well as the publishers, replied to Dr. Harris's letter, disclaiming any intention of interfering with the Society's privileges, — the former acknowledging his obligations to it. The volume had already been stereotyped, and a number of copies struck off, and these were now in process of binding. They finally proposed, in all future issues, to strike off the word "Massachusetts" from the head of the title-page, and to put on the back of the volume "Barber's Historical Collections," all which Dr. Harris signified to be satisfactory. — Eds.

quorum not being present at the time the subject was introduced.*

Present — The President, Bancroft, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Harris, Jenks, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1839.

April 25, 1839. In the absence of the President, the Hon. Judge WHITE was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Mr. TICKNOR was appointed one of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts, in place of Mr. Gardner, who was absent.

M. JOAQUIM JOSÉ DA COSTA DE MACEDO, Secretary of the Royal Academy of Science of Lisbon, was chosen Corresponding Member of this Society.

Donations were communicated from William H. Prescott, Thomas Genin, John H. Gourlie, Esqs., Professor J. L. Kingsley, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, and the Legislature of Massachusetts.

The Librarian called attention to the condition of Mitchell's map, and a map of New York at the time of the Revolution, both requiring repairs.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to have the two maps repaired in such manner as he may deem best.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the New York Historical Society, inviting this

* The Secretary means that the *ballot* on the nomination was postponed. — Eds.

Society to be present by its delegates, on the 30th of April instant, at the city of New York, on the interesting occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of the first President of the United States. Whereupon,

Voted, That this Society accept with pleasure the foregoing invitation, and that the Hon. Judge Davis be appointed Chairman of the Committee of Delegates, to be accompanied by such other gentlemen as shall signify their intention to the Recording Secretary.

Mr. Savage having declined further service in the office of Treasurer, and Mr. Felt as a member of the Standing Committee, on account of his proposed visit to England, the Society then proceeded to the choice of officers, and the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. : —

THOMAS L. WINTHROP	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
THADDEUS M. HARRIS	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES SAVAGE	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
SAMUEL P. GARDNER	

Voted, That the Society having for nineteen years derived great and peculiar advantages from the constant, faithful, and acceptable services of Hon. James Savage, acknowledge their great obligations to him for his devotion to their interests in the office of their Treasurer, and regret the necessity under which he finds himself of declining their further suffrages.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, Esq., for the past year, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, by which a balance in favor of the Society appears of twenty-eight cents.*

I. P. DAVIS, }
GEO. TICKNOR, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 25, 1839.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee on that subject, communicated a letter from Rev. Dr. Hawks, declining the invitation of the Society to deliver his lectures in Boston.

Present — Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Lincoln, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 30, 1839. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Messrs. William L. Stone, Peter Force, William D. Williamson, Simon Greenleaf, William J. Duane, George

* The receipts amounted to \$351.68. Of this sum \$172 were for admissions and assessments, \$159.03 from sales of publications, and \$20.65 in final settlement of the notes of Phelps & Farnham given in April, 1826. The payments amounted to \$370, and included \$82.58 for interest and taxes, \$5.25 for insurance, \$75.25 for binding, and \$206.92 for compensation to the Librarian (Rev. Dr. Harris) and for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

Watson, and Isaac P. Davis; also from Dr. Edward Jarvis and Rev. Dr. Cogswell.

Mr. Adams nominated for Corresponding Member the Hon. Daniel D. Barnard, city of Albany, in the State of New York.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee, consisting of Mr. N. G. Snelling and himself, who were authorized by the Society's vote of March 30, 1837, to make sale of the Society's property in Franklin Place, in Boston, on the most favorable terms they can obtain, reported that they had sold the same to the Boston Library Society for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, of which five hundred dollars was to be paid down, and the residue to be paid in annual instalments of two hundred dollars, with interest at the rate of four per cent. Whereupon,

Voted, That the said Committee be authorized in the name of this Society to sign, acknowledge, and deliver the deed now produced and read as the deed of this Society.

The following motion, after some discussion, was adopted, viz. : —

Voted, That Messrs. Adams and Quincy, with the Rev. Dr. Robbins, of Rochester, be a committee to consider the best means of encouraging the production of a comprehensive History of the United States, from the earliest settlement of the country.

Present — The President, Adams, Bartlett, I. P. Davis, E. Everett, Felt, Gray, Greenleaf, Harris, Pickering, Prescott, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Shaw, White, Willard, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 27, 1839. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from the President of the Society, also from Rev. Mr. Young, Messrs. Perrin May, Lemuel Shattuck, and John L. Sibley.

The Librarian communicated a request from Mr. Samuel G. Drake for an exchange of Berkley's "Naval History of Great Britain," folio, for one of the copies of Vol. I. of Purchas's "Pilgrims." Whereupon,

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to make the exchange, if they see fit.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded, viz.:—

The undersigned, a Committee appointed at a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on the 30th ultimo, to sell the estate belonging to the Society in Franklin Place, report that they have made sale of said estate, and executed a deed of the same to the proprietors of the Boston Library, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, one-third of which (five hundred dollars) to be paid in sixty days and grace, and the balance (one thousand dollars) in five equal payments of two hundred dollars each, in one, two, three, four, and five years, with interest; that they have received from the said proprietors six promissory notes, including the interest, as follows, viz.:—

One dated June 1, 1839, payable in sixty days and grace, for \$500					
"	"	"	one year	"	" 208
"	"	"	two years	"	" 216
"	"	"	three years	"	" 224
"	"	"	four years	"	" 232
"	"	"	five years	"	" 240
					<hr/> \$1620

And that they have delivered the said notes to Nahum Mitchell, Esq., the Treasurer of the Society.

Which is respectfully submitted by

I. P. DAVIS, }
N. G. SNELLING, } *Committee.*

Boston, June 27, 1839.

Mr. QUINCY, from the Committee on the subject of Dr. Robbins's proposition, stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Adams, the Chairman of the Committee, consenting that Dr. Robbins should make the report as drawn up by him, but not concurring in all the opinions contained in the report. Whereupon, the report was read by Dr. Robbins, as drawn up by him.

Voted, That the report be laid upon the table.*

On motion of Mr. GRAY, Messrs. I. P. DAVIS, APPLETON, and SAVAGE were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of having the Library opened every day, under the care of a proper superintendent; and, if they deem it expedient, to inquire whether and by what means this object may be accomplished, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

* Dr. Thomas Robbins's paper or proposition on the subject of a comprehensive History of the United States is on file, as is Mr. Adams's letter to Mr. Quincy relating to it, of which the substance was stated by the latter to the meeting. Dr. Robbins at this time resided at Mattapoiset, in Rochester, Massachusetts. He was not a member of the Society. — EDS.

Voted, That the report of the Librarian, made at the last November meeting, be referred to the same Committee.

HON. DANIEL D. BARNARD was elected a Corresponding Member, — Scrutinizing Committee, Messrs. SHATTUCK and BARTLETT.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Sparks, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 25, 1839. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated a donation from Professor Sparks of a copy of all his works; also, donations from Messrs. Samuel Coleman, Charles Fraser, Edward Jarvis, M.D., Samuel Hazard, Professor Palfrey, Joseph Willard, and the American Philosophical Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Professor Sparks for his highly acceptable and valuable donation of a copy of all his works.

MR. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject appointed at the last meeting, made a report, which was read, accepted, and placed on file; * and, in pursu-

* The following is the report: —

“The Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, directed to consider the expediency of having the Library opened every day, under the care

ance of the recommendation contained in said report, the following votes were passed : —

1. *Voted*, That the Librarian be authorized to employ an assistant, at the rate of two dollars a week, for the ensuing months of August, September, and October, who shall keep open the rooms from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. every week day.

2. *Voted*, That Messrs. Gray, Sparks, Willard, Davis, and Young be a committee to secure the delivery of a series of lectures on historical subjects, to aid the funds of the Society, which series shall begin early in November and be continued once a week until the end of February ; and that the Committee have full powers in all respects to effect this object.

3. *Voted*, That the Report of the Librarian made last November be accepted, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him fifty dollars in full for all services to the present time.

Present — The President, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P.

of a proper superintendent, and, if they deem it expedient, to inquire whether and by what means this object may be accomplished, with which directions was also coupled a reference of the report of the Librarian made at the last November meeting, having duly considered the subjects referred, have come to the conclusion to report, —

“ That it is expedient to have the Library opened every day, and that the means of accomplishing the object are inadequate in the present state of the treasury.

“ That while so large a debt remains upon the Society, incurred to make up the purchase-money for our present admirable accommodations, it is not proper to make any arrangement for a permanent superintendence of the Library, with a regulation for its daily enjoyment ; but that the Librarian should be authorized to employ an assistant, at the rate of two dollars a week, for the ensuing months of August, September, and October, who shall keep open the rooms from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., every week day.

“ That measures be forthwith taken to secure the delivery of a series of lectures on historical subjects, to aid the funds of the Society, which series should begin early in November, and be once a week continued until the end of February ; and that a committee of five be appointed, with full powers in all respects to effect this object, at the present meeting.

“ That, finally, the report of the Librarian made last November be accepted, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him fifty dollars in full for all services to the present time.

“ Respectfully submitted.

Per order.

I. P. DAVIS.

“ Boston, July 25, 1839.”

Eds.

Davis, Felt, Gardner, Harris, Savage, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1839. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated, in the absence of the Librarian, by the Recording Secretary, from Messrs. J. Q. Adams, Nathaniel I. Bowditch, James Savage, and John Pickering, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Dr. Edward Jarvis, and the Congress of the United States.

The President nominated Frederic de Waldeck, author of "Antiquities of Mexico," &c., for Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gray, Mitchell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Tucker, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1839. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

A communication from the Georgia Historical Society, through Israel K. Tefft, their Corresponding Secretary, was read, and it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Society be requested to address to the Georgia Historical Society a suitable letter expressive of our cordial sympathy in their undertaking.*

A communication was received from Professor Greenleaf of a memoir prepared by him of his father, the late Colonel Moses Greenleaf, to be inserted in the volume of manuscripts of Colonel Greenleaf, in the Society's Library.

Also, *voted*, To refer this memoir to the Publishing Committee.†

A communication was received from George H. Whitman, Esq., in relation to sermons before the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.‡

Donations were communicated from Messrs. Charles Brown and Joseph E. Worcester.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Corresponding Members: Israel K. Tefft, Esq., of Savannah, Georgia, by Rev. Dr. Harris; Hon. John McPherson Berrien, of Savannah, Georgia, President of the Georgia Historical Society, by Judge Davis; and Edward Jarvis, M.D., of Louisville, Kentucky, by Dr. Bartlett.

The Standing Committee nominated Robert Charles Winthrop, Esq., of Boston, for Resident Member, in place of Hon. William Sullivan, deceased.

FREDERIC DE WALDECK, author of the "Antiquities of Mexico," &c., was elected Corresponding Member.§

* This communication related to the recent formation of the Georgia Historical Society, of which Mr. Tefft was the first Corresponding Secretary. For an account of the incorporation of the Society, its Constitution, By-Laws, and Officers, see the Appendix to Vol. II. of its Collections. — Eds.

† The memoir of Colonel Greenleaf was not printed by the Society. — Eds.

‡ Mr. Whitman sent to the Society, in behalf of the Artillery Company, "a copy of each of their anniversary sermons extant," with the expression of his regret that they were "unable to present a complete series." — Eds.

§ A notice of M. Jean Frederic de Waldeck, who died in Paris, France,

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Greenwood be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Hon. William Sullivan for the next volume of the Society's Collections.*

Present — The President, Adams, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1839. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from M. de Macedo, of Lisbon, accepting his election as Corresponding Member, and acknowledging the receipt by the Royal Academy of Science at Lisbon of the volumes of this Society's Collections sent to them; also, a letter of acceptance from Hon. D. D. Barnard, of Albany; also, a letter from Joseph May, Esq., accompanying a history of the portrait of General Lincoln.†

Donations were communicated from Messrs. Alden Bradford, Theodore Lyman, Edward Jarvis, M.D., Jacobo de Hemsö, J. E. Worcester, George Bancroft, Daniel D. Barnard, Rev. Drs. Rufus Anderson and J. G. Palfrey, and Rev. Alexander Young.

The Librarian, Rev. Dr. HARRIS, made a report on

June 2, 1875, at the great age of one hundred and nine years, may be seen in the Proceedings of this Society for October, 1876. — Eds.

* Dr. Greenwood failed to perform this duty. A memoir of Mr. Sullivan by Mr. T. C. Amory will be found in this volume, on pp. 150-160. — Eds.

† See Proceedings, Vol. I. p. 192, note. — Eds.

the subject of the Library, and tendered his resignation of the office of Librarian, on account of his proposed voyage to the South.*

* The following is Dr. Harris's report:—

“To the President and Members of the

Massachusetts Historical Society.

“GENTLEMEN,—As I have it in view to go South, for the benefit of my health and other considerations, and, of course, shall be absent several months, I deem it best to resign the office of Librarian. In doing this, it is expedient that I should make a report of what has lately been done, and of the situation in which I leave the Library.

“Respectful acknowledgments have been rendered to the donors of books, immediately after the reception of them, and the title of all volumes entered in the Catalogue, referring to the shelf on which they were placed. But the pamphlets were not registered, because I deemed it proper that they should have an assigned place, and this could not be till they were bound into volumes. They have all, however, been put into Cabinet No. 27, where they are assorted, according to their subjects, though not in chronological order, as it is proper they should be, and are tied up in bundles. They would make more than fifty volumes.

“The newspapers which were presented to the Society by Perrin May, Esq., I was directed to have bound. This referred only to such as we had not previously. The selection and arrangement being made, twenty-two volumes of the ‘Centinel’ and thirteen of the ‘New York Spectator’ were bound. So that now we have a complete set, excepting parts of the third and fourth volumes, of the ‘Centinel,’ from its commencement in 1784 to the end of 1836, making in all forty-four volumes; and of the ‘Spectator,’ from 1800 to the end of 1837, making twenty-six volumes.

“Jared Sparks, Esq., had given us gazettes and other periodicals of Mexico, Colombia, Peru, and Chili, together with various political documents, from 1813 to 1835 inclusive, which I have also had bound, as they embrace a detail of the events of the Revolution in South America. I considered this as also a token of respect due to the donor who had enriched our Library with his own publications. The whole expense of binding amounts to little more than fifty-one dollars.

“John W. Snelling, Esq., has been engaged to attend the Library, keeping it open for visitors every day in the week, from nine o'clock to one. His employment has been, first, the collation of the newspapers for binding; and, next, the completion of the index to the volumes of Trumbull's letters. His application and diligence have been indefatigable. The time for which he was engaged expires this week, but it is highly desirable that he should be continued in the service till he has completed the index.

“I have employed a man four afternoons to sort and put up on shelves the pile of newspapers which were in the attic of this building. Some of them are very valuable, particularly numbers of the ‘News-Letter’ and ‘Post-Boy,’ and

The choice of a Librarian was postponed to the November meeting.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS was appointed a committee to engage a continuance of Mr. Snelling's services, until he has completed the work he is engaged upon in the Library.*

MESSRS. ISRAEL K. TEFFT, JOHN MCPHERSON BERRIEN, and EDWARD JARVIS were elected Corresponding Members, and ROBERT CHARLES WINTHROP, Esq., a Resident Member.

Mr. Worcester nominated Hon. David L. Swain, President of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, for Corresponding Member; and Judge Davis nominated Hon. James M. Wayne, of Georgia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and first Vice-President of the Georgia Historical Society, and M. H. McAllister, Esq., of Savannah, Georgia, second Vice-President of that Society, for Corresponding Members.

Voted, That as the statute day for the November meeting falls on the day of the annual Thanksgiving, that the meeting be held on the Tuesday previous, November 26.

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Ripley be requested to prepare for the next volume of the Collections a memoir of the late Dr. Bradford.†

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Austin,

the 'National Gazette' and 'National Intelligencer,' of which latter there is a great number. Eleven volumes of the 'National Gazette,' bound, are in the attic.

"Respectfully.

THADDEUS MASON HARRIS.

"BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1839."

EDS.

* See the November meeting following. — EDS.

† Gamaliel Bradford, M.D., elected in April, 1825, died Oct. 22, 1839. Mr. Ripley was excused from the performance of the duty assigned to him. A memoir of Dr. Bradford by the Rev. Dr. Francis is in 3 Collections, IX. 75-81. — EDS.

Bancroft, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Hon. A. W. Cochran, of Quebec, accepting his election as Corresponding Member; also, a letter from Dr. E. W. Leach, of Boston, accompanying his donation of a manuscript history of the town of Manchester, Massachusetts, prepared by himself.

The Librarian communicated donations from Major Graham, United States Army, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Joseph Willard, and Dr. E. W. Leach.

The Librarian stated that he had made an enumeration of the number of volumes in the Library of the Society, which was ordered to be recorded, and is as follows:—

Four thousand six hundred volumes of bound books.

Four hundred and fifty-five large volumes of newspapers.

Ninety-four folio volumes of manuscripts.

Seventy-five smaller volumes of manuscripts.

Twelve large volumes of charts and maps.

Many single maps.

Several hundred pamphlets.

Counted Nov. 20, 1839.

The Librarian signified his intention of remaining in Boston during the winter.*

Hon. DAVID L. SWAIN, Hon. JAMES M. WAYNE, and M. H. McALLISTER, Esq., were elected Corresponding Members.

Judge Davis was authorized to take from the Library Dr. Leach's manuscript History of Manchester, to be returned at the next meeting.

Rev. Dr. William Cogswell, of Boston, was nominated for Resident Member, *vice* Dr. Bradford, deceased.

Rev. Dr. Jenks was authorized to take from the Library additional volumes to the number allowed by law.

Voted, That for the purpose of having the Library kept open, and to meet the additional expense thereof and of warming the room, that the annual assessment, on and after the first of January next, shall be *three dollars* instead of *two dollars*, as provided in Ch. I. Art. 1 of the Society's Laws and Regulations.†

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be a committee to engage a continuance of Mr. Snelling's services during the winter, and to provide for warming the room.‡

Present — The President, Bancroft, Bartlett, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Harris, Jenks, Mitchell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Ticknor, Willard, R. C. Winthrop, and Worcester.

* "Remains in office." Marginal note. — EDS.

† In 1857, the annual assessment was raised to five dollars; in 1864, to seven dollars; in 1874, to ten dollars. Members are now entitled to all the regular publications of the Society, without additional charge. — EDS.

‡ See the preceding meeting. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1839. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from M. Macedo, of Lisbon, accompanying the donation of a discourse delivered by him in Italian ; also, a letter from Professor Rafn, of Copenhagen, accompanying the annual reports of the doings of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries for 1838 and 1839.

Donations were communicated from Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Greece, and the American Philosophical Society.

Rev. Dr. WILLIAM COGSWELL, of Boston, was elected a Resident Member, *vice* Dr. Bradford, deceased.

Voted, on the written application of Mr. F. M. Hubbard, of Boston, that he be allowed for the term of six months the same privilege of taking books from the Library as the members have.*

Present — The President, Austin, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

* Mr. Fordyce M. Hubbard edited a new edition of Belknap's "American Biography," published by Harper Brothers, New York, 1841. His preface to it is dated Northampton, Massachusetts, May, 1841. He also wrote a Life of W. R. Davie, Governor of North Carolina, published in Sparks's "American Biography." — Eds.